

Civic Amenities Schemes of Gujarat

1692. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of civic amenities schemes of Gujarat pending with the Central Government; and

(b) by when these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF* STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. No such schemes are pending with the Union Government.

Construction of Illegal Guest Houses in Karol Bagh and Rajender Nagar

1693. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of illegal guest houses are coming up suddenly in Karol Bagh and Rajender Nagar in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that residential areas are misused for these activities;

(c) if so, how many such illegal constructions have come to the notice of Government;

(d) what drastic action is being contemplated against such illegal constructions; and

(e) by when this action will show the results?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) MCD has noticed 138 such cases (licenced—33 cases and unlicenced—105 cases) of guest houses in the areas in question.

(d) and (c) Action is being taken against such guest houses by the MCD under the provisions of MCD Act, 1957.

HUDCO's assistance to Karnataka

1694. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Housing and Urban Development Corporation has agreed to assist the Government of Karnataka for her ambitious plans of constructing new infrastructure on the newly-carved districts in the State;

(b) if so, the amount proposed to be provided; and

(c) the details of the infrastructure to be provided in the newly carved districts and the amount to be provided to each district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir. Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) has signed a memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Karnataka to provide financial assistance for construction of integrated office complexes in the seven newly-created districts.

(b) and (c) HUDCO has expressed its willingness to finance the complexes and extend loan of Rs. 245 crore in phases over a 3 year period. Government of Karnataka is yet to submit the final proposal; however, it is estimated that each district would be provided with HUDCO assistance of Rs. 35 crore.